

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to commend the Gallatin Bicentennial Celebration Committee for their honorable and astute service to the people of Gallatin and upon receiving *The News-Examiner* "Citizen of the Year" Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable community servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gallatin Bicentennial Celebration Committee have proven themselves worthy of distinction, laboring assiduously to provide a memorable Bicentennial Celebration for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the committee worked with great zeal and devotion for two years, planning numerous events organized around the theme, "Proud Past, Promising Future", and involving the entire community in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, celebratory activities commenced January 21, 2002, on Gallatin Bicentennial and Unity Day, with the dedication of a new monument in front of City Hall and the burying of a time capsule, scheduled to be opened in one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, as Gallatin was named for Albert Gallatin, a Swiss citizen and one of the founders of the United States who served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Thomas

Jefferson and President James Madison, Mayor Don Wright publicly read letters congratulating the city on their Bicentennial Celebration from Christian Bickenstorfer, the Ambassador of Switzerland and from Dr. Leon Borer, Commandant of the Swiss State Police; and

WHEREAS, other featured events included the unveiling of a bust of Albert Gallatin at City Hall, the sale of *Gallatin 200*, the commemorative book for the Gallatin Bicentennial, a Bicentennial cemetery tour, a Civil War workshop, and a series of lectures and receptions; and

WHEREAS, members of the Gallatin Bicentennial Celebration Committee include Walter T. Durham (President), E. Ray Bowles, Senior (Vice-President), Glenda Milliken (Secretary), Bob Morgan (Treasurer), Donna Belote, Dale Bennett, Lucy Bradley, Velma Brinkley, the Reverend Everton Campbell, Tracy Carman, Jamie Clifton, Mike Cook, Lee Curtis, John Garrott, Kay Hurt, Bill Kirkpatrick, Reggie Mudd, Peter Odom, George Offitt, Senior, David Parsons, Tommy Perkins, The Reverend David Randolph, Jim Svoboda, Dr. James Thomas, Kenneth Thomson, Grace A. Tomkins, Ralph Webster and Mayor Don Wright; and

WHEREAS, indicative of their love for their city and their neighbors, these individuals have given generously of their time and talents in planning and implementing a tremendously successful Bicentennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2003, the outstanding work of these devoted committee members will be formally recognized as they collectively receive the "Citizen of the Year" Award, given by *The News-Examiner*; and

WHEREAS, Gallatin is fortunate to have such dedicated citizens who care passionately about their city, its history and its future; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gallatin Bicentennial Celebration Committee are wholly committed to the noble precepts of community service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commend the members of the Gallatin Bicentennial Celebration

Committee for their diligence, creativity and resourcefulness in planning the city's Bicentennial Celebration and applaud them on their deserving receipt of *The News-Examiner* "Citizen of the Year" Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.